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THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: 49991-60505 CIP2

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- 1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages, in duplicate);
- 2. International Search Report (1 page);
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, the attention of the Examiner is hereby invited to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08a/b. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This application is a Rule 53(b) continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 10/169,546, filed on June 10, 1999, pending, which is a U.S. national phase application of PCT international application No. PCT/US99/13241, filed on June 10, 1999, (WO 99/64480, published on December 16, 1999) which claims priority to U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 60/089,153, filed on June 12, 1998. This application claims priority to all aforementioned applications under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The present application also contains subject matter that is related to that disclosed and claimed in U.S. application Ser. No. 09/505,456, filed on February 11, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,322,695, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT international application No. PCT/US99/13241, filed on June 10, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 60/089,153, filed on June 12, 1998.

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Copies of each of the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08a/b are provided herewith. References AJ, AK, and AL were cited in an International Search Report issued in PCT/US99/13241. A copy of the search report is also provided.

Reference BB is an international patent application published in German but includes an abstract in English. Included with reference BD is the English translation of the Japanese language patent application.

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